

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) is a national service program designed to fight poverty through the utilization of VISTA members who commit to serve full-time for a year at a nonprofit organization or local government agency for capacity and sustainability building initiatives that deal with community issues like literacy, health services, economic development, neighborhood building, and more; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps VISTA members are nationally recruited college graduates who receive a monthly living stipend, health benefits and an educational award at the end of their term of service paid by the Corporation for National and Community Service ; and

WHEREAS, the University of Texas at Austin Division of Diversity and Community Engagement serves as an intermediary that manages the relationship and logistics with the Corporation for National and Community Service and then assigns the AmeriCorps VISTA members to various community agencies; and

WHEREAS, Austin has been selected as a host city for the VetCorps project being conducted by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America in partnership with the National Guard Bureau's Prevention, Treatment and Outreach Program with funding assistance from the Corporation for National Community Service ; and

WHEREAS, VetCorps VISTA members will work with the City of Austin to provide support to veterans and military families; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and VetCorps VISTA members have worked with various City of Austin departments including Human Resources, Public Libraries, and the Mayor's office; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with the University of Texas for assignment of AmeriCorps VISTA and VISTA VetCorps members to the City of Austin.

ADOPTED: _____, 2013

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk